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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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DETERMINING THE ANGLE OF ROTATION  
OF A CAMSHAFT IN RELATION TO THE  
CRANKSHAFT OF AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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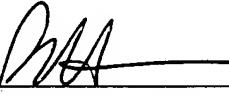
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